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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FCC TRAINING FOR LIBERIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CORP. OFFICER

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FONOFF DIP NOTE READING IN PART:
QTE...HONOR TO REQUEST TRAINING FOR MR. SEWELL BREWER WITH THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., IN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY MATTERS.
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDERSTANDS THAT NORMALLY TRAINING
OF THIS NATURE IS FOR A THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND IS PROVIDED
FREE OF COST, EXCEPT FOR THE TRAVEL AND LIVING EXPENSES OF THE
PARTICIPANT WHICH, IN THE CASE OF MR. BREWER WOULD BE ASSUMED BY
THE LIBERIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION.
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD APPRECIATE IT WERE
THE EMBASSY TO USE ITS GOOD OFFICES IN HAVING MR. BREWER TRAINED
FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS WITH THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION. UNQTE.

2. COMMENT: IN ATTEMPT GET BACKGROUND ON REQUEST, OPINION USAID
TELECOM EXPERT SOLICITED. AIDOFF STATES HE FAMILIAR WITH
BREWER, WHO RECENTLY TRANSFERRED FROM COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS
AT LTC TO REGULATORY SECTION. HE HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH
BREWER AND OFFERED SIT DOWN WITH HIM TO DISCUSS SCOPE OF
REGULATORY OPERATIONS AND EXTENT OF COSTLY EQUIPMENT NEEDED
CONDUCT FCC-TYPE OF POLICING. BREWER APPARENTLY NOT
INTERESTED THIS TYPE INFO, BUT WANTS TRAINING IN US.
IN AIDOFF OPINION THIS NOT TYPE TRAINING NEEDED, AND THAT
BREWER WOULD BETTER BE SERVED DISCUSSING MATTER WITH EXPERTS
HERE OR GOING TO ITU. HOWEVER, WE ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH FCC
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TRAINING PROGRAM REFERRED TO IN NOTE AND CANNOT COMMENT FURTHER

ON ADVISABILITY OF SUCH TRAINING WITHOUT FURTHER DETAILS. IF
FCC REGULARLY CONDUCTS SUCH TRAINING FOR FOREIGN OFFICIALS, AND
TRAINING CAN BE CONDUCTED AT MINIMAL COST TO USG, EMBASSY SEES
NO PROBLEM IN FAVORABLE RESPONSE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON COMMENTS
AND LANGUAGE OF APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO GOL.
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